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SUBJ: EMIGRATION OF LENINGRAD ARTISTS

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1. YEVGENIY ABEZGAUZ SAYS THAT HE KNOWS OF NO CHANGE IN HIS OR OTHER JEWISH ARTISTS' SITUATION VIS-A-VIS LENINGRAD OVIR. HOWEVER, HE BELIEVES THAT RECENT REPORTS OF OVIR RECONSIDERATIONS MAY MEAN THAT PRESENT TIME OFFERS SOME POTENTIAL AND HE IS PREPARING HIS PAPERS FOR RESUBMISSION.

2. FYI. A YOUNG LENINGRAD WRITER/ARTIST, IGOR' VASIL'YEVICH SINYAVIN, VISITED CONGEN ON JANUARY 29 TO DISCUSS POSSIBILITIES OF RECEIVING VYZOV FOR IMMIGRATION TO UNITED STATES. OVIR REPORTEDLY TOLD SINYAVIN,

ONE OF PARTICIPANTS IN ABORTIVE "DECEMBRISTS' DEMONSTRATION," THAT HE COULD DEPART FOR ISRAEL; HOWEVER, SINYAVIN REFUSED TO MAKE STANDARD RENUNCIATION OF SOVIET CITIZENSHIP AND, IN ANY EVENT, WANTS TO IMMIGRATE TO U.S. OVIR THEN REPORTEDLY TOLD HIM THAT THEY WOULD APPROVE HIS DEPARTURE FOR U.S. WITHOUT RENUNCIATION OF SOVIET CITIZENSHIP IF HE COULD OBTAIN NECESSARY INVITATION, ETC. FOMR U.S. SPONSOR. SINYAVIN INDICATED THAT OVIR'S WILLINGNESS TO SEE HIM GONE WAS DUE TO HIS ACTIVISM. PENDING COMPLETION OF HIS EMIGRATION PAPERS, OVIR ASKED HIM FOR A PLEDGE OF "SILENCE AND NON-ACTION," WHICH SINYAVING SAID HE REFUSED TO MAKE.

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